

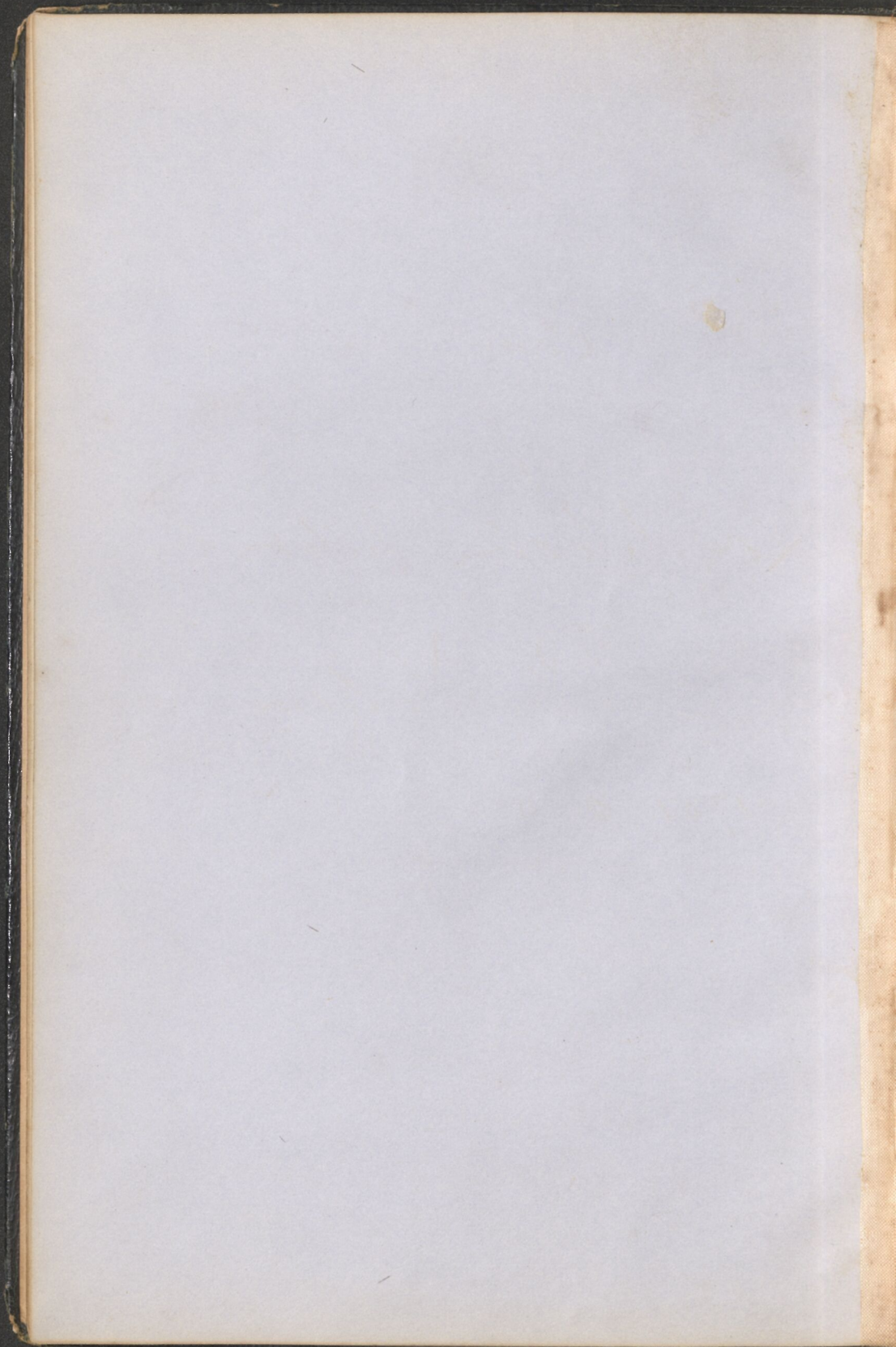






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of  
Log-Book kept by  
Pelez Holger

1767. 2. 3



Peleg Folger born at Nantucket

1717.

died

1785.

He has no bone in his head  
and his brains is all oyl.

"Peleg Folger, one of Nantucket's most picturesque and lively whalers, in 1750, when the island was well launched on its whaling, recorded: "A right whale is very large, hollowing on the back, all slick and smooth, having no hump at all as other Whales. The bone (of which is made stays and hoop'd petticoats) doth grow in their mouth. The tongue is monstrous large and will commonly make a ton of oyl. He has two spout holes and makes a forked spout whereby he is distinguished from other Whales at a distance." The spermaceti "will make from 10 to 100 barrels of oyl. He has a hooking hump on the after part of his back one spout hole, and his under jaw is full of ivory teeth and his tongue is very small." He was the "largest denizen of the world."

Quoted from "Nantucket Handfall", Dorothy C. A. Blanchard, Dodd, Mead & Co., 1956, Pg 74.

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Extracts from an ancient Log-book  
belonging to my friend H. C. Sanford  
Esq of Nantucket, and kindly loaned  
me for the purpose, <sup>of copying.</sup> It was indeed  
the deeds of a former generation, the  
last of which seem passing away, &  
the "Ancient Mariner" and whale  
fishermen once the pride and glory  
of America seem soon to belong to  
the historic & legendary past.

"Pelez Holger his hand and Book  
written at Sea on Board the Sloop  
Grampus Capt B. B. Commandr:  
May 1<sup>th</sup> 1751. —

"Many People who keep journals  
at Sea, fill them up with some trifles  
or others; for my part, I purpose in  
the following sheets, not to keep an  
over strict history of every trifling  
occurrence that happens; only some  
and then of some particular affairs;  
and to fill up the rest with Subjects  
either mathematical, theological,  
Historical, Philosophical or poetical,



2.

or anything else that best suits mine inclination. P.H.

"On board the good Sloop Grandeur  
on a whaling cruise from Nantucket,  
Capt D.D. Commanding, May 1<sup>st</sup> 1751.

Qui docet indoctos, licet indoctissimus esset,  
Alle quos; brevis, ceteris doctior esse queat.  
Notce teipsum. Gul: Lil

Si Deus est animus, Nobis ista Carmina Vicant-  
Nec tibi praecipue, et pura menti blandus est.  
Cato.

Numerous examples of Plain sailing  
intermixed with other matters are given  
"Case 1.<sup>th</sup> Course and Distance given to  
find the Dif of Lat & Long -  
Suppose a Sloop sails from Nantucket,  
lying in Lat 41. 10<sup>m</sup> N. - SE by S 47 Leagues  
I demand the Dif of Lat & Long.

May 3<sup>d</sup>. This day we have killed a  
Spermaceti Whale which is the 1<sup>st</sup> we  
have killed this our first trip having  
now been out above three weeks for we  
took our Dep<sup>t</sup>. from our Good Isle of  
Nantucket Near about the tenth of



April as far as I remember —

May 10<sup>th</sup>. We are now headed homeward  
having three small Spermaceties in  
our hold. So a good time to us.

Peleg Folger his hand and Book

May 10<sup>th</sup> Annogue Sonnin 1751 —

Written at Sea on board the Sloop Gram-  
pus Latitude 38 deg North

Soli DEO Gloria, honor et Laus attribue<sup>-tur</sup>

May 12<sup>th</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the week: This Day we  
are in Latitude 38. 27<sup>m</sup> having kill'd a  
Blackfish this Day. In the morning we  
spy'd a sail and drew up with her but  
the Clown would not speak with us  
steering off about S.E.

When Drake & Bandish, sail'd the World about;  
And Valiant Heroes found new Countries out;  
To Britains Glory; and their lasting fame;  
Were we like-minded, we might do the same.

May 15<sup>th</sup>. This Day we fell in near the  
South Shoal & made our Boar Island of  
Nantucket and had the wind at  
S.E.W and thro' God's mercy got round  
our point in the afternoon. So we  
turned it up to the Bar by the Star



4.

2 hours high in the afternoon: in the night following about 2 o'clock we got over the bar & got in safely.

May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> We have got all ready for a second cruise:

May 18<sup>th</sup> This day we sailed from our wharf round the point and anchored under Sankaty Head:

May 19<sup>th</sup> This day at four o'clock in the morning we weigh'd anchor & stood off till 12 o'clock and then anchored because of the Eastern tide: so no more at present.

June 7<sup>th</sup> in the Latitude of  $38:57^m$  North  
P.M. 1751.

We sail'd from our Wharf May 18<sup>th</sup> & left the Land 19<sup>th</sup> & have been out ever since and have got one Spume and have met with nothing very remarkable.

The names and Characters  
of the 12 Signs

Crusoe

Content is a continual Feast.



5.

June 17<sup>th</sup>: Being now headed home-  
ward we find ourselves by observa-  
tion in Lat 40-5<sup>m</sup> North and have  
soundings in 50 fathoms of Water & fine  
Black and white Sand. So no more  
at present.

June 17<sup>th</sup>: We sounded (as before) at 12  
o'clock & found 50 fathoms; We run  
North 2 hours about 3 knots & then  
sounded & found 42 fathoms; &  
then at 4 o'clock we found 39 fathoms;  
then at 5 o'clock 39 fathoms; So now  
we keep her A.W. & hope to make some  
Sand or other tomorrow if it please  
God. A.B. Every time we sounded  
we have found <sup>fine</sup> Black & white Sand  
This now much & we steer A.W. So  
remembering all at home male  
and female I conclude this days  
remarks and what is remarkable  
to night if we do well I must  
write tomorrow

June y<sup>e</sup> eighteenth: Left night at 8 o'  
clock we had 34 fathoms depth of  
Water; fine Black & white Sand;



6.

So we kept her A 10 under a Balance<sup>d</sup>  
mainfair and Sib till 12 o'clock;  
then rounded & found 23 fathoms;  
half an hour after found 22 fathoms;  
So we kept our Luff 10 23 ch till we  
found 16 fathoms; or so we kept her  
in A 10 till we made Nantucket.  
So we find ourselves to have been  
to the Eastward of the South Shoal:  
As we run Westward we shoaled  
our water till we got by the South  
Shoal to the westward; So then deep-  
en'd our water &c To the Eastward  
of the South Shoal we found for  
the most part Black & white Sand  
sometimes Whores Eggs; To the west-  
ward we found fine Black & white  
Sand &c; So now here we are to the  
Southward of Nopodace & hope to Be  
at our Port before Sunset; So I hope  
we shall have a good time (See Volente atq;  
<sup>adjuvante</sup>)

Rectore mundi, Regi Regum, et  
Domino, Dominorum, Honor, Honor,  
& Laus, ab Aeterno, in Aeternum  
ascribatur.

Peter Tolgen



7.

Pelez Holger. Remains of a Whaling  
Voyage in the good Hoop Grampus  
Capt. B.B. Commander

from Nantucket 1751.

June 23<sup>d</sup>: This Day we sailed from our  
Har. through by Muskeket, so we now  
steer out S.S.W. & hope (Deo juvante)  
to be at Sea in a short time: The  
Rule to go through by Muskeket is,  
to mind carefully to bring the  
<sup>a mile or 2</sup> rocks to the Southward of you which  
are off Muskeket (About SSE or SSE) &  
then put her right through SW or  
Now or even your course is mind to  
Luff or Bear away for the Shoals & Spits  
at occasion is & you will go through  
well enough in a Vessel that draws  
8 or 10 foot water.

Examples How to Work plain sailing  
By the Square rule.

Traverse Sailing - Examples  
Parallel Sailing -



8.

A Journal of our Intende Voyage  
By gods Permission in Sloop Graufius  
from Nantuck NBS Commanded Nantuck  
La  $41.08$  Longitude  $68-28$

July the 2<sup>d</sup> in yr 1757 we Beg anour did  
Dickson we was in the Lat  $57-26$   
Longitude  $73-11-60$  fathoms water  
Nantuck Boore N.E. & E Dif Lat  $224$  miles  
Dif Longitude  $285$  miles

July 3<sup>d</sup> Nothing very remarkable this  
24 Hours only we Spoke with Christopher  
Coffin and our Mate viz Reuben Folger,  
we had a Good Breakfast upon Meat  
and Tobaccy & we are all merr together.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Nothing very Remarkable this  
24 Hours only I Slew a Dance forgot  
myself and rub'd out my Knots  
Couns & und off the Logboard before  
I Had Set them Down in my reckning;  
However I Had fast up my Dif of  
Lat. and Lon: So I have not Lost my  
reckning Yet this was a very Careless  
trick:

July 5<sup>th</sup> This 24 Hours first part rainy  
& stormy & gusts a shuffling Wind of



Bruce sometime said the said all  
right under a balanced mainsail &  
foresail & said about Dives times  
in the night &c: Latter part said &  
Hob: So no more at present only wish  
we could get into 36 to get some  
Spermaceties (Des Volente ch adju-  
-vante)

July 6th This day forepart we  
Spiz<sup>d</sup> Spermaceties & being in com-  
pany with Reuben Foster, we killed  
one &c This day we have been out  
a fortnight & if we get ready to go  
in in another fortnight it will be  
very well? if we have whale enough  
Death summons all men to the  
Silent Grave

July 7th nothing in particular

July 8th Nothing remarkable this  
24 hours only two very Ash & No Whales  
to be seen: Much toil and Labour  
Mortal man is forced to endure, &  
little profit to be got by it, & if one  
grows rich, he often dies as it were  
in the beginning of his prosperity.



10.

The whole World a cheat (He sayings)  
 & he is a fool that hath not a stand  
 in't: Let all say as they will, Honesty  
 is the best policy, when all is said  
 that can be said, or done that can  
 be done. Let by rec 36.19 Lou 73.02

July 9th Nothing only full times &  
 Hot Weather & no Whales

July 14<sup>th</sup> I have not had time to  
 continue my Journal any longer: Since  
 we have had more business than  
 common to do; for since July 9th  
 we have killed 2 Spermals: So we have  
 now 4 Whales, now for home Boys  
 for we have 70 Barrels in our Hold.

July 20<sup>th</sup> We are now within our  
 point steering for the Bar (E Beneficientia  
 Divina): The first Landfall we  
 made was Nantucket and we steered  
 NE by N from 36<sup>th</sup>; The first time  
 we had soundings we had about an  
 hundred fath: Depth of Water and  
 soft Bottom: 2 Then we run in a  
 shell sounded again found 70 fathoms;  
 then 59 fathoms: then 39 fathoms:



then 23 fathoms: &c muddy soft Bottom  
for the more Part sometimes Sticky:  
& so S W B S from Nantucket We  
shall bring in the Mud with us  
till We are abreast with the South  
Shoal then it begins to be loose  
Bottom: 4 M S M from Tom River's  
Head you cannot see Hiacough's  
Shoal till you draw near to Tom  
Riv: Head: one end of the Journal for the  
Year 1751:

### Pelegrin 1752:

A Journal of a Whaling Voyage on  
board the good Sloop Mary in the  
Year 1752: Richard Pintcham  
Commander from Nantucket.

March 16<sup>th</sup>. We sail from Nantucket  
to Horns Hole where we lay  
seven days and then went out and  
took our chance off the South Shoal  
and the same day in again to  
Taspoliv Cove where we lay 2 nights  
and one day and then we stuck  
her with a great wind at



12.

North in company with Barnabas  
Coffin and Tristram Coffin it  
was the 25th when we sailed from  
Torfaulin and on the same  
night we lost Tristram Coffin  
and are in company with B. Coffin:  
So it is now the 26th of March,  
and here we are at sea it is dull  
times and Rough Weather!

March 27th - took two out -

March 28th - Nothing Very remar-  
-kable this day only here we are  
in Lat<sup>t</sup>: 39° 00' all alone by ourselves  
It continues to hold Very Rough  
Weather No Whales nor No Whalermen  
to be seen - What a strange uncer-  
-tain sort of Life a man lives! Kings are  
always afraid of being poison'd  
And live in many other anxieties  
of Life concerning maintaining  
and enlarging their Dominions;  
And the Dukes, Earls and others  
are always concerned in their mat-  
-ters quarrels: As for Merchants &  
Traders & almost all wealthy men



They are always tearing themselves about adding to their Riches or gathering in their Sails: No sort of Life is free from trouble & Whosoever thinks to Live so in this World finds themselves mistaken. The poor Seamen are many times in jeopardy of Life by Storms, tempests, Rocks, Shoals, Pirates, Whales, and many unhealthy climates, and more sorts of men to deal with of different Constitutions and Dispositions: The Creator to whom I trust is able to deliver out of all danger forevermore.

March 29<sup>th</sup>. This Day it continues to hold very rough weather and no Whales nor any Vessels to be seen nothing else remarkable.

March 30<sup>th</sup>. This Day it was pretty moderate in the morning which was very joyful to us poor weather-beaten Sailors because good weather seems to be a great rarity now a days: In the morning



We made sail and stood off, in the afternoon it was excellent, good Weather (Laut See) and we struck two porpoises which were very acceptable to us: But no Whales to be seen

Mercurii diarii operis peroratio per P. T.  
 March 31<sup>st</sup> <sup>4<sup>th</sup></sup> Pretty moderate weather we in Lat<sup>de</sup>: 58. 00 <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> The Wind at E. S. E. So we stood off & W sometimes S. W till towards night the wind dy'd & headed withal so we kept her in N. N. W a little spell: We must observe one thing and that is that I allow the Day to begin at 4 o'clock the time we commonly make sail when on y<sup>e</sup> Whaling Ground and it doth not End till 4 o'clock next morning.

April 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Nothing remarkable these Days only full tides: on the third instant We spoke with Joseph Swan, on a Whaling Cruise from Nantucket; He hath had much the like fortune as ourselves since he came from Home We concluded to keep Company

April 4<sup>th</sup> This Day We spy'd Spinnacities in the morning and tosd out one



Boat (the other being out before after  
 Waggin) so we row'd about a mile  
 and Half from the Ship and then  
 a Whale come up under us & throw  
 our boat Very much; and threw  
 every man over board save one. And  
 we all come up and got hold of the  
 boat & held to her till the other boat  
 which (was a mile and Half off)  
 came up and took us in, all safe,  
 and not one man hurt, which was  
 remarkable, the boat being shak'd to  
 pieces very much: The same day we  
 got a quantity of a Specimen with  
 Joseph Hosier and now we shall be  
 headed homeward & pretty soon  
 having but one Boat to help ourselves  
 which yet was enough to be a means  
 of saving our lives when thrown through  
 Mercy: *Benedicite Dominum in omnia  
 mea, & omnia quae sunt intra me,  
 Benedicite Dominum in sanctum:*

April 5<sup>th</sup> first of Week: This day the  
 Wind blowing up a little we stood in  
 to the Northward but could not



make but a poor slant towards  
at night brought to. At 13 a poor this  
was the day we parted with our  
partner Joseph Swain.

April 6<sup>th</sup> This day we spoke with  
Thomas Giles about twelve o'clock and  
about 4 o'clock we spoke with Edward  
Starbuck both bound out along - so a  
good voyage to them:

April 7<sup>th</sup> Last night the wind blew  
hard at NE and raised a great sea  
which lasted all this day. At night the  
wind dy'd and the sea fell considerably;  
this was a hard ball of wind and we  
lay to under atrysail.

April 8<sup>th</sup> This day we made sail &  
steer'd NE by N. the wind at W. N. W. to us  
more at present:

April 9<sup>th</sup> This day in the morning  
we made sail with a small breeze  
of wind and in the afternoon we  
spoke with William Huxey and Francis  
Swain who told us Dayhead bore NE  
this day in Latitude  $58.16^{\circ}$  In the  
afternoon the wind blew finely at



SW and the Menh Bristly Steering NE  
So we had a fine wind all night which  
is the first night we have kept under  
a whole sail all night since we came  
from home!

Wm. Krini 1782. Quisquid ducit  
tunc, & Justitiam amant, Hoc in seculo;  
Eum collaudet, in seculo seculorum:

April 10<sup>th</sup> We had a mighty fair wind  
all day and steered in NE and at  
6 o'clock struck soundings in 45 fathoms  
of water so we stood NE a little spell  
by and by N: the latter part of the night  
the wind hall'd to the Northward and  
on the Eleventh instant in the morning  
we made Martins Vineyard and  
Newman Land and having a shifting  
kind of wind in the forenoon we could  
not get much ahead in the afternoon  
the wind breezed so fetch'd round  
between Gayhead and Newman Land  
and got into Hines' Hole about 6 o'clock  
When we sound'd we found soft bottom  
and did not shoul'den our water very  
quick. So no more at present if all well  
this trip:



April 12<sup>th</sup> This Day we hove up our anchor & Run Home and found all well there (Laus Deo)

April 18<sup>th</sup> Day we made Sail for another trip and run round our point where we Lay till the 19<sup>th</sup> then run out with a North wind & S.W.

April 20<sup>th</sup> in Lat<sup>d</sup> 59.14

April 21<sup>th</sup> nothing Very remarkable to say a Breezily Wind good weather 1752.

April 22<sup>d</sup> We spoke with five Whales and found ourselves in Latitude 56:30<sup>m</sup> fine pleafur.

April 23: No whales nor nothing remarkable at present.

April 24<sup>th</sup> Very thick weather nor any whales nor vessels to be seen only its dull times.

April 25<sup>th</sup> This Day we spoke with Beriah Hitch and Nathaniel Dagget: This day Week we came from home and no whales have we seen yet.

April 27<sup>th</sup> We concluded to keep company with Beriah Hitch and mated with him while we kept



company In the afternoon We Struck  
a Large Grinnaceti and Killed her  
and cut off her Body Blubber the  
same Day

April 28<sup>th</sup> We Got her between both  
Vessels and got a Parbuckle under  
her and four tackles and run  
to her and hoisted her head about  
2 feet above Water and then cut a  
Scuttle in her head and a man  
got in up to his Armpits and Dipped  
out almost 6 Hogsheads of Bear Oyl  
out of her case besides 6 more of the  
Saddle.

April 29<sup>th</sup> We Spoke With 2 Capemen and  
Chased Whales

April 30<sup>th</sup> Nothing remarkable at pre-  
sent But dull time and no Whales  
nor Vessels at present

May 1<sup>st</sup> Very thick Weather and  
about 8 o'clock at Night a Very Hard  
Thunder Shower.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Day We had a fresh gale of  
Wind at North so were forc'd today to  
run a Tryptail: so no more



All is not catch'd that's Gapi'd at  
 Kithun Does a faint heart win  
 a fair Lady:

Written at Sea on Board the Sloop Mary & S<sup>1</sup>  
 May 8<sup>th</sup> Day Nothing remarkable of <sup>1752</sup>  
 late but very rough weather for  
 seven days past, and we have  
 laid to under a trisail and sometimes  
 under a Houfai; it hath been very  
 rainy foggy and windy: Written  
 at Sea on board the good Sloop  
 Mary in Lat<sup>de</sup> 36. 21 <sup>or</sup> Longitude 1752  
 He certainly doth hit the right, that  
 mingles profit with Delight:

May 9<sup>th</sup> Day: Nothing remarkable  
 to Day but foggy Drispy weather and  
 a very large Swell:

May 13<sup>th</sup> We spy'd a School of Spermacettes  
 in the morning, and have out our  
 boats and struck two, one Kill'd  
 one; But the other run away with  
 one iron in her Tail: that which  
 we kill'd fill'd 11 Hogheads.

May 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Nothing remarkable  
 these Days but foggy rainy weather



together with some considerable hard  
thunder & Lightning but then a flow  
of wind which lasted not long.  
On the 15<sup>th</sup> We spoke with Thomas Jones &c  
May 16<sup>th</sup>. This Day in Lat<sup>d</sup> 36. 20 North  
About 12 o'clock We spoke with a Cape  
man Who told us oyl bore a very  
good price in Boston &c 140 old tenon  
per tun to be paid in Dollars on  
the spot: and the Smallpox which  
hath been in Boston some time  
still continues Very Brief there.  
It seems to me as if there is no-  
thing but fear, and care and  
trouble on every side. No man  
can be born & Live & Die, without  
his share: And certain it is that  
in the world we shall have trouble  
And yet how the fear of Death will  
terrify poor Mortals! So I conclude  
this Days remarks Hoping all are  
well at Home Male & female &c  
Old Peleg Holger Is a Nurse Scull  
for Writing Latin.



May 16<sup>th</sup> 1752 This Day Spoke with  
 Major Shachan of Plymouth Saw a Kothu  
 Cape Whale Man Joshua Napeto Master  
 butt <sup>did</sup> not speak with him to day for we  
 did yesterday This Day in y<sup>e</sup> Morning had  
 a hard Thunder, Squall and Lightning  
 and Rain in y<sup>e</sup> Afternoon it cleared  
 up fine pleasant weather So to more  
 butt I fear Peleg Folger will be  
 offended with me for writing in his  
 book but I will intercede with  
 Anna Pitts in his Behalf for Retal-  
 iation for y<sup>e</sup> same Nath<sup>l</sup>. South  
 May 17<sup>th</sup> Fine pleasant weather to day  
 and we spoke with Hezekiah Fact-  
 wright and Chafed Spermacetes, but  
 could not strike so no more - - - -

May 18<sup>th</sup> This morning early we  
 spy<sup>d</sup> Spermacetes & Tope out our  
 boats & Kill'd one which fill'd 12  
 Hogheads &c Calm all this day & we  
 in Lat<sup>de</sup> 36.30 a little before night  
 we spoke <sup>with</sup> Charles Gardner who had  
 one Spermacete & Tristram Loffin  
 who had three &c So we all, we



all three stood in to the northward  
all night with a small breeze of  
Wind for we now begin to be  
headed homeward having got a  
good trip & divina beneficentia. P.M.

May 19<sup>th</sup> This morning Coffin was  
ahead of us & Charles Garsum to  
Secevaia of so we bore down to him  
& this day we have chased whales  
almost incessantly but could  
not strike. This day we spoke  
with Joseph Wing: and we had  
an Easterly Wind &c

May 20<sup>th</sup> This day in company  
with Charles Garsum we chased Whales  
& in the afternoon we met with  
him & killed two one a ten Barrel  
one another a fifty Barrel one  
we saved the small one, but the  
large one's head we could not save  
because it blew up in the night  
a gale of wind & parted the  
feller

May 21<sup>st</sup> This day a very hard  
Gale of Wind at N.E. We first lar-



-ried a Trysail forefail & Gib.

By and By the Wind coming on  
We hall'd down our Gib & reef'd him  
then set him again But the Wind  
soon tore him sadly so we hall'd  
him Down again & suberh him  
& got him into the cabin & mended  
him in order for a good time to  
Beeve him to again. So stood in  
under a tryfail & forefail till  
night When the Wind Blowing harder  
and a very Large Swell being We  
were oblig'd to hall him Down &  
stow him away.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> This Day a Very hard  
Gale of Wind & a Topgallant Sea going  
We Lay to under a tryfail all Day  
This NE Gale hath drove us off  
considerably. So no more at Present.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Last night the Wind  
shifted and it blew considerably  
Moderate: This Morning (the Wind  
being Westerly) We hoised of forefail  
and stood into the Northward under  
a tryfail and forefail; then We



bent to our Jib and set a too reef  
Mainsail & Jib: presently all three  
sails: so we run NE all night &c  
at 12 o'clock in Lat<sup>d</sup> 37.34 <sup>N</sup> at present  
in company with Charles Farnum:  
so we hope to be at home in a  
short time.

May 24<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> of Week; at 4 o'clock  
in the afternoon this day in com-  
pany with Capt. Charles Farnum in  
the Sloop Antickus. We have  
had a good Breeze for the Bigger  
part of this day &c at 12 o'clock  
in Lat<sup>d</sup> 38.30 <sup>N</sup> This day is 5  
Weeks since we left the East End  
of Antickus: so remembering  
all the Jills at home I remain a  
friend to all men

Pelegr Tolgen

Written at Sea on board  
the good Sloop Mary Mitchell  
if not Liza Mitchell May 24<sup>th</sup>

amogues Dominie 1782

Death humours all run to the  
blunt Grave.



May 25<sup>th</sup> This Day at 12 o'clock We  
 struck Soundings in 38 fathoms Depth  
 of Water in Lat: <sup>8</sup> 40-17 then Steer'd in  
 N E B A about 6 Leagues & found 24  
 fathoms & then about 2 Leagues &  
 found 16 fathoms Being Plain in  
 Sight of Anians Land & Lay head to  
 The first time We Sound'd in 38  
 fathoms Depth We found muddy  
 Bottom & some Silt the second time  
 We found fine black & white sand  
 in 24 fathoms &c

In the night we Laid off & on, not  
 daring to run in with the Land in  
 the Night for fear of our Vessel and Cargo &c

May the 26<sup>th</sup> at 8 o'clock in the forenoon  
 This morning a Whill after the Day broke  
 We stood in under all three sails with a  
 good breeze of Wind about S W by N: So Here  
 we are in the Sound with a fine breeze of  
 Wind under a main sail & fore sail & We  
 hope this Day to get to Anians Land safely & to  
 find all Well at Home if it pleas God: This  
 Day marketh exactly 6 weeks since We came  
 from our Wharf: So we were <sup>very</sup> happy  
 May the 26<sup>th</sup> Day Anns Dominion 1752



June the 2<sup>d</sup> Day A D 1752

A Journal of our Intended Voyage  
by Gods Permission in the Good Ship  
Seaflower Capt<sup>n</sup> Christopher Coffin  
Commander from Nantucket in  
Lat North 41-40 <sup>D</sup> Longitude West 68, 28 <sup>D</sup> to  
Newfoundland in Lat<sup>n</sup> North 46. 30 <sup>D</sup>  
Longit<sup>n</sup> West 52-52 Course S<sup>o</sup> 66 E Dist<sup>n</sup>  
790 miles Pelag Trolger

June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1752 - Last night at 8 o'clock  
we lost sight Nantucket which bore  
W. 13 N. about 8 Leagues Dist. so I hope  
we shall have a good time to New  
foundland to kill some Humpbacks  
This Day in company with Capt<sup>n</sup>  
Benjamin Bunker who is likewise  
bound to the Land

June 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Day of Week. This 24 H-  
ours being in company with Benjamin  
Bunker first part Cold & foggy latter part  
thick & foggy but much warmer being now  
off ye Bank & so we must say no more  
at present

June 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> of Week - Nothing remarka-  
ble this 24 Hours only sometimes foggy



28.

sometimes rainy at 12 o'clock at night.  
Porpoises plenty but could not strike  
fairly

June 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> of Week Haglets very plenty  
Likewise nothing else remarkable

June 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> of Week This 24 Hours Very  
shuffling and an unsettled air. Nothing  
else very much worth while to sit down  
as I can find but let me see first our  
Job has got his Hair cut off and he  
looks quite strangely: And our Hog,  
Sheep & Dog all mixed together. so we  
are still in company with B. B. & towed  
him about 2 Hours in the fog about  
2 Hours for fear of running him out  
of sight

June 7<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> of Week. This 24 Hours Very  
thick weather and we lost Benj<sup>t</sup>  
Dunker in the night and I towed our  
shill & found him again Nothing  
else remarkable

June 8<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Week nothing re-  
markable this day only it hath been  
very thick and foggy. A fine Wind we  
had had since we came from Home



& think I never knew much thicker weather But 'tis very natural to these Eastern Countries

June 9<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Week - This 24 hours very thick first & latter part: But about 6 o'clock it cleared in the afternoon which held till 10 o'clock at night at what time it began to breeze & at 11 o'clock it blew a fresh gale and Look'd wild and about 12 o'clock it Lightened & Thundered & lightened very sharp & rained hard once or twice which lasted not very long! at last it cleared away a little & the day broke & then it seemed much more pleasant to us & so no more at present P.M.

June 10<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> day of week This 24 Hours a fine serene air and pleasant sky and we had a fine observation & This 24 Hours we run a Vast Distance for we want to make some Land to be sure where we are &c

June 11<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> of Week &c This 24 Hours a mighty clear & W wind in the afternoon & pretty Cold in the night



30.

calm! We sounded in the afternoon and found, about fifty fathoms; about 8 o'clock in the morning we saw an Ice Island at first appearing like a Vessel but drawing nigher it appeared in a triangular form & peaked to the very top & white: we likewise saw two more of Different Shapes. At 12 o'clock sounded & found no Bottom &c

June 11<sup>th</sup> This Day we steered in N.N.E. & made the Land but could not fairly discover what Land it was but the wind blew up S.E. & then we struck her off E.N.E till after sunset then brought to under a trisail & fousail in the night it rained thunder & lightning & was exceeding thick & a bad sea.

June 12<sup>th</sup> The morning we made sail with the wind N.W. right ahead & stood in N.N.E & N.E by E & N & N.N.W according as the wind ber'd as soon as it was Clear we made the Land to windward towards noon the wind S.W. about 12 it blew up at S.W. so we



made the Bay of Bulls & St Johns Harb<sup>or</sup>  
 & got in under the Land before night  
 & in being good weather we stood along  
 all night so we run by Cape St  
 Francis & Bacalao & crossed Trinity  
 Bay & got into Catalina Harbor  
 safely in the morning.

June 13<sup>th</sup> We got into Catalina  
 Harbor & unloaded our Vessels & Bal  
 lard's Men

June 14<sup>th</sup> We made sail & sailed  
 from Catalina to Mistake Cove:  
 there the Irishmen curs'd us at a  
 High rate for they hate the Whal-  
 men in this Harbour. Here we  
 lay till June 27<sup>th</sup> and in that space  
 of time bore many an oath of the  
 Paddies & bogtrotters they swearing we  
 should not cut up one whale in  
 the Harbour. But however we cut up  
 one or two: & then on the after's 27<sup>th</sup> of June  
 they rais'd a mob in the evening (one  
 Pike an Irishman who called himself Cap-  
 tain of the Harbour Being the Chief Head) and  
 fir'd upon us & the shot struck all round



us but through mercy Hark no Maw: so we  
 tow'd our Vents out of the Harbour being 6 or  
 7 sail of us & Lay of in the Bay that night &  
 the Next Day went into Western Bay:

From Western Bay we sail'd to Catalina

From Catalina we sail'd to Trinity

From Trinity we sail'd to English Harbour

From English Harbour we sail'd to Catalina

From Catalina we sail'd round Cape Lagan  
 & Cape Bonnois & cross'd Bonnois Bay into  
 New Harbour

From New Harbour we sail'd to Greenpond

From Greenpond we sail'd to the stinking  
 Islands. From the Stinking Islands we  
 sail'd round Cape Hales and sail'd into Cathar<sup>town</sup>

From Cathar<sup>town</sup> we sail'd Back to the  
 Stinking Islands. From the Stinking Islands  
 we sail'd to Fair Harbour. From Fair

Harbour we sail'd to Catalina & finish'd  
 trying all the whale we Had gotten in this  
 Cruise and found we Had gotten some-  
 thing better than 100 barrels apiece of  
 Humpback oyl Having made with  
 three Vents more besides our first three  
 Viz Joseph Coffin Mathan Work & Back Henry



On the 25<sup>th</sup> of July while we were in at the  
 Islands as we were upon a cruise in our  
 boats after whales we struck a Yearling (at  
 least some of our boats it makes no odds who)  
 at the Yearling side the Cow always keeps &  
 presently she was struck likewise by and  
 by we got an Iron into the Cow as likewise  
 did several more: at last we kill'd her by  
 much Lancing: In Her flury she came  
 at our boat & furiously run over us and  
 overset us & made a miserable rack of  
 our boat in a moment: A wonder &  
 mercy it was (but so it was) that we all  
 had our Lines spared tho' the Whale had  
 Divers Harps after her & Divers of us were  
 sadly puzzled under water: Yet we were  
 all taken up well & not one man Hurt:  
 Praise the Lord for his mercies & for his Won-  
 derful Works to the Children of Men.

August 14<sup>th</sup> We set sail from Catalina  
 in order to Go to New England We Had a  
 fine wind in sailing by Catalina Cape  
 St. Francis, &c till we got almost up with  
 Cape Droy: Then the wind Hall'd to the  
 Westward & blew very Hard so that we set



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a Double reef'd mainsail & foresail & balance'd Gib & Beam all night & next day went into the Bay of Bulls.

A Journal of our Intended Voyage by God's permission from Cape Race in Newfoundland Lat<sup>d</sup> North 46-30 Long<sup>th</sup> West 51-52 to Nantucket du Lat 41-10 & Lon 68-28 in the Good Sloop Seaflower, Christopher Coffin Commandante

August 18<sup>th</sup> day 1752 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of Week at 10 o Clock brought to a Double reef'd mainsail & foresail & balance'd Gib & under this sail we kept 19 hours beating to windward in a hard gale of wind &c in company with Thomas Duntun

August 19<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of Week & This 24 hours a Hard Gale of Wind, Lay to part of the time; part under a Portmain's Main-sail & foresail &c

August 20<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> of Week Part of this 24 hours Close Weather &c we spoke with 4 Marblehead fishing Schooners on the southwesterly part of Banks Vele as judged &c Peter Hoken



I have allowed of Variation to Be  
two points as yet But as we Drive  
to the Southward it's not so much &c

August 21<sup>st</sup> 6 of Week. This 24  
Hours we have made the best  
run we have had since we came  
out Having had a fine Easterly  
Wind the whole 24 Hours &c So I  
hope we shall get home all in  
good time & find all our friends  
Well at Home: P.S.

August 22<sup>nd</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> of Week Nothing  
very remarkable this 24 Hours  
only we have had a fine fair Wind  
& very good weather so no more at  
present Variation of Compass  $1\frac{1}{2}$  points.

August 23<sup>rd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> of Week: Part of this  
24 Hours a fresh Gale of Wind very  
much right aft & we took in two  
reef'd mainsail & she went like  
a Blaze all right so we hope to  
have a good passage Home P.S.  
Written on board the Good Ship  
Seaflower in Lat 45:35 Lon 60:32



36.

Monday August the 24<sup>th</sup> Part of this 24 Hours under a forecast only light before the Wind &c

Tuesday August 25<sup>th</sup> Nothing very remarkable this 24 Hours only I have been very poorly with the Headack so that I could not hold up my Head but I kept a good warm cabin about 48 hours and am now much better; and I advise anybody that's unwell not to trouble the Deck when there is thirteen hands on board; being very needless: I mean intend to if I can help it (I mean when I am sick) nor should any body else even if I could help it.

August 26<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of Week - I have now by my reckoning both by Lat<sup>de</sup> & Long<sup>de</sup> & Mer Dist: got almost to Nantucket & no soundings. Have the Had yet but if we have not soundings e'er Long I shall not know what to do: if we strike soundings I shall immediately



37.

correct my Journal for I Judge  
myself about 15 Leagues too far  
West: so no more

Some Remarks of our intended  
Cruise on account of Whaling &c on  
board the Good Sloop Greyhound April  
8<sup>th</sup> Day 1753

Richard Pinkham Commander  
March 17<sup>th</sup> 1753

Peter Holger

We sailed from Nantucket & in the  
evening following we anchor'd under  
Cape Poge & the next day went into  
Woods Hole &c April 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8<sup>th</sup>

Nothing Very remarkable these days: No  
Whales nor Vesels to be seen &c

April 9<sup>th</sup> This morning we spoke with  
a Whaling Sloop from Seabrook in  
Connecticut, Richard Pitt Commander  
who had one Spermacete on  
board: No Whales today

April 10<sup>th</sup> This Day we spoke with  
Nasadiak Eastwin from Nantucket:  
No news remarkable with Wind:  
This Day a fresh Gale of Wind about  
NE by N &c - Lay to under a Trisail



in the afternoon more moderate: so we  
hoised our Gibe & stood off to the southward  
till sun than brought to.

Oh that mine eye were single! my heart <sup>con!</sup> sin-  
O that all lofty thoughts were laid low!  
That I could see myself as I am then  
should I be humble! P.H.

Oh that mine eye might closed be  
To what becomes me not to see  
That Deafness might possess mine Ear  
To what becomes me not to hear  
That truth my tongue might always tell  
From ever speaking foolishly  
But what are wishes! Lord mine Eye  
As on thee fix'd to thee I cry  
O spare out all my drops & sin  
Make me more pure than snow within  
Ellwoods Wishes

April 11<sup>th</sup> Peter Toleson

A Journal of our Intended Voyage from  
Nantucket in Lat<sup>d</sup> 41° 10' Lon 67° - 40"  
To Straights St Davis: on board the  
Good Ship Greyhound: Richard Pinkham



Commander Anno Domini 1753.

May 7<sup>th</sup> We weighed Anchor in our  
Harbour & sailed under Sandy Point and  
anchored in the CoS of the Bay:

Cliff Bears S W End of the Point & by W  
May 8<sup>th</sup> Still under the Point

May 9<sup>th</sup> Still at our Anchor: A hard  
South Wind: This Day we moved  
in the first part thereof in the  
Latter part we hove up our Anchors  
& stood off to Sea in Company with  
Elisha Coffin who is also bound to  
Straight St David

Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup> This Day we  
spoke with a trading Schooner from  
Montserrat David Derrick Capt  
& we went on Board & got two  
Bottles of Rum & some Linen & some  
Sugar Oranges &c Nothing more very  
remarkable. We are all in Good  
Health as yet &c

Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> Nothing very re-  
markable this 24 Hours Good weather  
No Whales to be seen We spoke with  
Peter Rogers who had got Nothing



Variation of the compass we find to be about  $\frac{1}{2}$  Point

Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> This 24 hours in company with Elisha Coffin we spied a School of spermaceti and we killed one and in the evening brought to & Judged we drove about 15 miles to the Northward &c

Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> This 24 hours first part thick & rainy at 7 o'clock brought to Calm & foggy at 11 or 12 o'clock at night a small shower of Rain &c at four or five o'clock made sail a fresh gale of wind

May 14<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> of Week First part of this day Wind at north Lay under a trisail and foresail & began to try our Blubber but we spy'd Whales & Elisha Coffin & we made & killed four Spermaceties between us and saved them but could not cut them up Lat<sup>th</sup> by observation 40 N. & so no more

May 15<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> of Week we went to work and cut up our Whales the wind at ESE and Cloudy weather No observation

May 16<sup>th</sup> Fourth of Week: First part



Wind at SE and a small shower of  
Rain with a hard Gale of Wind which  
soon Rais'd a Large Sea. Lay by under  
a trisail all night: At 10 o'clock at night  
W<sup>ind</sup> at SSW at 2 o'clock morn at NW  
and Blows hard which raiseth a very  
bad Sea running all in heaps &c Late<sup>ly</sup>  
by Ob 39-50 Long by Estimation 63.40 <sup>McMill</sup> 185

May 17<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> of week Not anything  
very extraordinary occurs this 24 hours:  
there hath been a considerably jumbling  
sea First we were under a trisail &  
reef'd foresail: then reef out: then  
we fore & aft. Lastly all 3 sails bar 1<sup>st</sup> Point

May 18<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> of week Forepart of this  
day we spoke with a Brig from  
Calis bound to Piscataque &c  
Nothing else remarkable

Pelcy Hogen His Book  
Remarkable Observations

May 28<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> of week This 24 hours a  
fresh Gale of Wind at 8 o'clock took in  
a two reef'd Mainisail & scouted  
finely &c we saw several Ice Islands  
of Divers Shapes & one of them we



thought to be a mile Long and showed it self like Nomans Land Saw several Vessels also - It hath snowed this Day as thick as need for.

May 29<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> of Week Nothing Very remarkable this 24 Hours: Bully Plenty of Ice Islands & we saw several Ships but spoke with none & Pretty good weather only rather too Cold for Comfort & rather too Windy to be right excellent Whale weather -

May 30<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of Week - This Day Corrected my Journal by Scale & Logarithms Peligot's Almanac this book

May 31<sup>st</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Day of Week Nothing very extraordinary that occurred this 24 Hours Only Very Calm some part of the time & Very Plenty of Hagslets as it hath been since we cross'd the Barre & this Day we spy'd Whales: Judged to be Finbacks &c The Variation of the Compass we find to be about two Points in this Latitude. But this is by the B<sub>4</sub>



Death summons all men to the  
Silent Grave.

June 1<sup>st</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> of week This Day we  
stor'd our Hole in ample order  
and finish'd trying out all the  
remainder of our Blubber & a fine  
Clear Pleasant Warm Day it was  
Nothing Else very remarkable &c.

Nor 2<sup>nd</sup> 4 Points March

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> of week Nothing  
Very remarkable Hath Happen'd  
This 24 Hours only we saw 2  
topsoil vessels but spoke with  
neither of them: Also we saw  
some spermacetia & Chas'd them  
but could not get up with them  
they running right to windward  
so that we could not turn to  
windward so fast as they run &c  
The sun sets about this time in  
this Latitude with us at 8 and rises  
at 4 The daylight goeth not out of  
the sky during the whole 24 Hours  
Pretty Cool Weather But Very Comfort-  
able at Present This may suffice for the Present



## Remarkable observation

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Day 1<sup>st</sup> of Week. By comparing this days observation with that of Yesterday I find Dif of Lat By Ob to be 1<sup>2</sup>-18 North which is not agreeing to Dif Lat by rec By 18 So that I Judge we have Had a current to the Northward and it must be so if my rec: is anyways near the Truth: So that my Dist: of Lat &c by rec: do not agree with observation & I know not how to help it unless I know which way the current sets if there is one.

June 4<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> of Week. First Part of this 24 hours Fair & Clear: Latter Part A Fresh Gale of Wind at S.E. At 10 o'clock Brought to under a trisail & we headed up N.E.

June 5<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> of Week Nothing new nor strange this 24 hours Only we have had a Hard Gale of Wind & have been obliged to Lay by under a trisail 'tis now more moderate. The skis not apt to run Very high nor is it extraordinary rough



considering the Wind: Is not very Cold  
 & the Daylight Lasts all night long.

June 6<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Day of 4<sup>th</sup> Week - First Part  
 of this 24 Hours a Large Swell hoisted our  
 foresail, & at 5 o'clock PM. set a Double  
 reef'd Main sail & Gib: And at 10 o'clock  
 a M set all 3 sails: a Small Breeze  
 and Good Weather. Fine Weather but  
 no Whales to be seen.

June 7<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> of Week - First part of this  
 24 Hours a Small Breeze of Wind which  
 held till the latter Part & then Dy'd a  
 Little. Latter part of this 24 Hours small  
 rain & a Little Wind.

June 8<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> of Week: First part of this  
 24 Hours a Breeze of Wind &c And latter  
 Part blowed up & we brought to under  
 a Tinsail Wind North Easterly. Peter Holger

June 9<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> of Week &c This 24 Hours a  
 hard Northerly Gale & a Putty Large Sea.  
 We Lay to under a Tinsail and suffered  
 our Latitude by 56 26 Miles &c

June 10<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> of Week The beginning of this  
 24 Hours a Small Breeze of Wind under a  
 Tinsail foresail & Gib latter Part a fine



Drove & we made a good stand &c

June 11<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> of week First part of this 24 hours wind at ENE & cloudy & some snow at 6 of the clock I thought to under 13: M. & first we spy'd some Hump Backs Latter Part fresh wind & rough sea with some snow.

June 12<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> of week - The first Part of this 24 hours the wind at North and we under our Balanc'd Main sail & Tarsail Down & stow'd in the Cradle: Latter part the wind at 10 NW &c & Snows Hard & raiseth a great swell &c so we Judge we have drove 20 miles to the Eastward Variation of Compass about 3 Points By Estimation - Remarkable Observation -

June 13<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of week: First part of this 24 hours Wind at SE at 4 PM we saw a Body of thick ice so we tack'd ship and stood to the Westward. The Latter Part saw several Islands of Ice: Cold weather as being some snow in our Balanc'd Main sail Fairly turned into Ice &c

June 14<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> of week: First Part of this 24 hours calm weather and a jumbling



kind of swell: and we set up our rigging  
 to shrouds & mainstay & got down our  
 top-and-lift & served him with Leathers.  
 where the springing service was  
 worn off: At 10 PM we made sail with  
 the wind S W & so we run all night  
 with pleasure: At 10 AM it grew very  
 thick of fog and we thought to under  
 a trisail and Foresail not daring to  
 run we knew not whether among  
 of Ice & Fog. Yet the weather is now  
 very moderate & warm in comparison  
 of what it hath been lately although  
 tis very thick of fog.

June 15<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> of week: First part of this  
 24 hours calm and thick we lay to under  
 a trisail and foresail and about 10.  
 PM the wind blew up at N N by E a  
 very heavy Gale with abundance of  
 snow proving a very heavy snow storm  
 which raised a very sharp sea and  
 lasted about three hours and then  
 the wind dy'd considerably for about  
 the space of half an hour and then be-  
 gan to breeze again & lasted all the



remainder part of this 24 hours. We lay by under our trisail during this gale of wind: The weather is freezing cold: Days Long Nights tedious. Our Cabbins our Delight: The fire pleasant our allowance to every man aboard his belly full & more too if he wants: Alas if it was not for hopes the heart would fail -

June 16<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> of week First part of this 24 Hours the wind dy'd away almost calm and we set our trisail foresail & Gilt stood to the northward: Latter part under all three sails. From 10 PM till 3 AM: it snowed thick & so no more only we saw about 8 ice islands of Last 24 Hours.

Peter Holten his hand

June 17<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> of week It is now high time for me to Put an End to my Longitude and meridian Distance till we begin to be bound home along. First part of the 24 Hours the wind small Elisha move out his Boat and came on board of us and we had some home cakes for supper &c



The Ice Islands are very Plenty here  
abouts Lat<sup>de</sup> in by observation 59.50

June 18<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> of week First part of  
wind N E N E and the latter part  
fair and smooth: Still in company  
our mate Elisha Coffin: We Judge  
ourselves now in the mouth of Straights  
St Davis being in Lat by Ob 60.22

June 19<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> of week This 24 hours fine  
weather smooth sea with some mow  
But the weather warm & the Days so  
long that it is not Dark at all.

About 11 a m Elisha sent his Boat  
on board for our Skipper and mate &c

June 20<sup>th</sup> First part fine weather &  
we saw eight whales and our Skipper  
struck one which stove his Boat so  
that she overset but (through mercy)  
they were all taken up safe & the  
whale ran away so there is two  
shot of Craft and a stowed Boat in  
one Day; But Walter will soon  
mend our Boat: so now fear kind  
Providence

June 21<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> of week First part



of this 24 hour fine weather; We saw whales and Elisha hove out his Boat and struck one and we soon made her spout blood but she was a long time a dying but at last she dy'd and we got her between both Vents & Cut her head off the bone measures 8 foot 3 inches; as being a very large Deep Whall so it flew up a Little Chopling & we got our vessels apart & our Boats Crew went on Board Elisha & rafted some Blubber and we took it on Board our vessel so they kept cutting upon the whale all the remaining part of y<sup>e</sup> Day

June 22<sup>nd</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> of week: First part the wind at E N E and we still a cutting our whale But the wind blew so that we could not cut But brought to under a trisail. And the wind increasing so that at 6 A.M. Elisha hauled his Cable a Large swell being had Gale at S E with rain snow &c so the whale is gone with about



one third of the Blubber But I Hope  
we shall find her again P. H. Olsen so  
no more at present Pelag.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> of week This Day a very hard  
& heavy Gale of wind at SE and ESE &  
S.W. &c And it rained a very long and  
high sea (A right topgallant swell)  
which lasted all this 24 hours so we  
lay to under a trisail and let her  
Drive and she lay to very well and  
made good weather of it: But we  
were very uneasy for fear of Driving  
amongst the Ice since it was very  
thick and foggy and squally and  
raining & snowing for a great part of  
the Time: But as kind Providence  
would save it we saw no ice at  
all so no more at present

June 24<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> of week This Day Good  
weather: Latter part we Clean'd our  
whalchum and stow'd it away in the run.

June 25<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> of week: First part of  
this 24 hours Good weather: we chased  
right whales And the Latter part we  
chased both right whales, and



spermacettes, but could not strike  
 It being somewhat choppy, and  
 the wind about N.N.E In Straights  
 & St Davis are several things remark-  
 able 1: A Right whale is a very  
 large fish (for the most part) they  
 are somewhat hollowing on their  
 backs; being all slick and smooth  
 & having no hump at all as other  
 whales; their bone (of which is  
 made Stays and hoop'd petticoats)  
 doth grow in their mouth, the under  
 end or Butt growing in the Gum  
 of the upper jaw; Their tongue is  
 monstrous large & will commonly  
 make a Tun of Oyl; Their bone is  
 from 3 to 12 feet long according to the  
 bigness of the whale & is all the  
 teeth they have. They have two  
 spout holes and make a forked  
 spout whereby they are distinguished  
 from other whales at a distance;  
 the Blubber, Lean, & flukes of a young right  
 whale is good food. 2 A Spermacette  
 is a large whale; they will make



from 10 to 100 barrels of Oyl: They have no bone in their head & their brains is all oyl. They have a hump on the after part of their back; one south-  
 old: - their under jaw is full of hard ivory teeth; and tongue very small.  
 5. A Humpback hath a hump differing from a Spermaceti; that being hooking and this straight: They have bone like a right whale only tis short and good only to make buttons.  
 The Sun in y<sup>e</sup> Lat<sup>de</sup> at y<sup>e</sup> time of year is not above 6 hours out of our visible Hemisphere: & it is not darker at North Sun than it is  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after Sunn at home.

### Remarkable observations

June 26<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> of week First part of this 24 hours y<sup>e</sup> wind at S E with some snow we hauled our Mainail & set our trisail and let her jog to the eastward under a trisail Foresail & Gil in hopes to find our Dead whale. At 5 PM down gib & stow'd him: Thick weather but Whales are pretty plenty



hereabouts which causeth us to hope  
for a good voyage, by the blessing of  
Kind Providence. At 6 A M we made  
sail in ord<sup>n</sup> to go to trying. But  
while we were pouring some hot  
chocolate down our bellies, our  
mates hove out a Boat & rowed to  
windward, & when we came to  
discover what they was after, it  
proved to be our Dead whale which  
we lost the other day; so we soon  
got her along side; so ends this 24  
hours Lat by ob 60:24

June 27<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of week: The first part  
at work a cutting our Whale so  
we finished cutting and went to  
trying out of Blubber. The wind at  
NNE & fine smooth sea sometimes  
snow but we account it fine  
weather for y<sup>e</sup> Lat.<sup>de</sup> by ob 60.16

June 28<sup>th</sup> fifth of week This day still  
boiling out our Blubber: The wind  
at SSE and Variable to SE with  
some snow & a Rough Sea which makes  
it bad on the account of trying: We



are all in health & so only if we are  
in a Solifful Pickle (it aint) Our  
Vessel is dirty everywhere but we hope  
to be Clean again sometime or  
other. Lat by ob 59.49

June 29<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> of week. First part of  
this 24 hours we had a hazle Steoppe  
for dinner & the foul lasted very well  
(considering all round) about 8 at  
night we finished trying out our  
blubber & put out the fire of our catoon;  
& I can apt to think there is not over  
a one of us but would be heartily  
willing (after a short breathing spell)  
would be willing (I say) to go to  
trying again but we must get the  
whale first. Latter part of this day  
we sand drove our oyl, and stowed  
it away in the hold, & our mates also  
finished trying out their part of the  
blubber & we find our whale hath  
made about 68 barrels the blubber  
not being so fat as we hoped for !!!

A Hagler (belonging to these countries)  
hath a grey back and a white belly



(and some are gray all over) their under bill is sharp to a point & turns up & their upper bill turns down end is a duck & a strong stomach

June 30<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> of week. This day we had corn'd fish for dinner, Pancakes for supper & chocolate for breakfast; First part of y<sup>e</sup> 24 hours pretty good weather, Elisha came on board of us & went to Sumu; Latter part of y<sup>e</sup> day a little Chopling and we lay by under a Tisail & part of y<sup>e</sup> time under a Tisail and Houail. Late by ob 60.17 N The weather in these Countries (or parts of y<sup>e</sup> Ocean) is for y<sup>e</sup> more part Overcast or Cloudy it is very seldom that ever the Sun shines out all y<sup>e</sup> day at y<sup>e</sup> time of year (if at all) though commonly he breaks out & shines a spell about 12 o'clock at day and then shuts in again all the remainder part of y<sup>e</sup> 24 hours; And for it to be overcast & Cloudy is a very good sign of Good weather; Whereas when ye Sun shines out



for if Greater part of a Day, it is a Considerable sign (so comrad) of bad weather or a Hard Gale of Wind soon to follow upon the back of it; A Southerly or southeasterly wind is commonly apt to Blow hard or Raise a Large Sea; A Northerly wind is moderate; so no more at Present.

July the 1<sup>st</sup> part of week - A Quick southerly Breeze of Wind, During this 24 hours & we Lay by under a Tisail in Company with our mates & Drove in to the Northward - About 8 A.M. we saw a Large Island of Ice &c And in the Latitude of 60. 3<sup>rd</sup> by our observations.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> of week - First part of this 24 hours we Lay by under a Tisail with a southerly Gale of Wind & had Meat & Toboys for Dinner. About 6 o'clock P.M. small Rain. The wind held southerly & Rough & Chopping & sometimes thick; And we Lay to all this 24 Hours under a Tisail and Drove



to the Northward - Nothing Else remarkable: Remarkable observation -

July 3<sup>rd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> of week This Day the winds still southerly & choppy & we lay by this 24 hours under a trysail: July 4<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of week. The first part of this Day we lay by under a trysail & at 6 PM. we hoisted our foresail with the wind southerly & at 8 AM we Hall'd him Down again the wind blowing fresh & raising a large sea & still being southerly and fresh

July 5<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> of week: First part of this 24 hours a heavy & violent Gale of Wind at SSE & S by E which raised a very large sea: and from 2 PM to 6 ditto, the sea broke like a surf, & appeared like a snow drift and altho' we ship'd many tons of water, it did us no material damage only our lee boat had'd been turned up on her bottom (& probably been stove) had we not manœuvred her when she



first Kouted up one One Gummelt  
 we hall'd him back again & Last'd  
 him securely: Our Quarterdeck some  
 times was much deep, & our tub of  
 gravel got strow to Pieces: so we  
 shall be forc'd to kill our fowl  
 (I'm afraid) for fear they'll die: It  
 being Very thick weather & a Large  
 Sea & we having our Starboard  
 tacks on Board & judging our ves-  
 sel would Lay better on to'ther tack,  
 we Lib'd & Lost sight of our mates  
 in a very short time, they being  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  mile dist. on our weather bow  
 (when we Lib'd) being as far as we  
 could see in ye fog: so we have  
 not seen them



